

## SUNDY CIVIL BILL APPROVED BY SENATE

Conference Report, Which Appropriates Total of \$126,920,750.  
Adopted Today.

The Senate today adopted the conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill. As framed in conference the bill carries \$126,920,750.75. The conference rewrote the language of the Senate amendment making it possible for a change in the boundaries of a connecting parkway between Potomac and Rock Creek parks. The new language adopted by the conferees is as follows:

"To enable the commissioners, created by the public buildings act approved March 4, 1913, to survey the exact boundaries of the land now desired to be embraced in a connecting parkway between Potomac Park and Zoological Park, and to submit a map indicating in detail such survey and indicating the changes proposed thereby, as compared with the map now on file in the office of the Engineer Commissioner of the District dated May 17, 1911, \$5,000."

**Time Limit Extended.**  
A Senate amendment extending the limit of time for beginning the erection of the George Washington memorial building until March 4, 1917, was agreed to.

The conferees replaced in the bill the House provision of \$2,000,000 for the physical valuation of the property of common carriers.

A Senate amendment replacing in the bill \$100,000 for Howard University was agreed to.

The conferees struck out the Norris amendment of \$50,000 to convert the tidal basin into a bathing beach, having been informed by the health authorities of the District that the water in the tidal basin was polluted by sewage from the river.

The conference report on the sundry civil bill was also adopted by the House.

## SHIP PURCHASE BILL CALLED IMPRACTICAL

P. A. S. Franklin, Mercantile Marine Official, Appears Before Investigating Committee.

P. A. S. Franklin of New York, vice president of the International Mercantile Marine, told the Senate ship purchasing committee today that he had informed several senators that the government purchase bill was impractical. Mr. Franklin told the committee that the International Mercantile Marine had not spent a cent in propaganda against the bill, but that he had received letters from Senators Bankhead, Burton and Lodge asking for information on the subject, which he gave.

"Senator Bankhead wrote to me," said Mr. Franklin, "stating that he would like to confer with me about the bill. I came to Washington last December and talked to Senator Bankhead. I told him that, in my opinion, the United States could do so intelligently deal with the shipping emergency that existed."

Mr. Franklin told of his suggestion for government aid to a private ship company, made to Secretary McAdoo and discussed with Secretary Garrison and a number of democratic senators in August. He read the plan he then outlined, which proposed that the government guarantee bonds for the company, which would purchase or build thirty or more ships for service in the American foreign trade.

## ONE WEEK TO SUBMIT ASSESSMENT PROTEST

One week remains in which property owners who believe that their personal property has been assessed too high may submit their grievances to the board of personal tax appeals. The board has been in session since February 1, during which time it has considered and adjusted several thousand appeals. It will bring its labors to a close next Monday.

Although the law does not require written notices to be served for assessments established by the board in cases where no returns were made by the owners, the board has followed the custom of serving a written notice in every case giving the taxpayer an opportunity to appeal within ten days from the date of notice.

## Hearing Matter of Courtesy.

It is believed that there are numerous cases where individuals have failed to have their assessments adjusted by the board because the ten-day limit notice has expired. As a matter of courtesy the board today announced that it will entertain an appeal from any aggrieved property owner up to and including next Monday, March 8.

The board, it is stated, is anxious to have appeals taken in every case where a citizen has received a notice and feels that the assessment is in excess of the fair cash value of his property.

## Exhibition Nets \$2,500.

A ten-day exhibition of the proposed model for a national shrine on the grounds of the Catholic University resulted in the raising of \$2,500 for the building fund by the women of the New York branch of the National Organization of Catholic Women. The contributions were received in a box placed in front of the small clay model which was made by Francis Burrell Hoffman, Jr., at the request of Cardinal Gibbons, Cardinal Farley and Bishop Shanley.

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## ATTEMPT AT BLACKMAIL, GERMAN EMBASSY VIEW

Count von Bernstorff Authorizes Statement in Stegler Passport Case.

"The whole matter looks very much like an attempt at blackmail which failed," is what the German embassy has to say about the Stegler passport case, with which the name of Capt. Boy-Ed, naval attaché of the embassy, has been connected.

Receipt of this communication was acknowledged by the State Department today.

The embassy's communication, it was learned, was a copy of the statement which Capt. Boy-Ed issued shortly after the charge was made by Stegler implicating the naval attaché in the passport case. Capt. Boy-Ed acknowledged that he knew Stegler and that he tried to help him to get work, but denied emphatically any knowledge of fraud in securing the passport which Stegler possessed.

In an announcement authorized by the ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, it is stated that the main facts in the case have been given to the State Department.

The ambassador, who is in New York, telegraphed instructions for the issuance of the statement. The communication to the State Department was mailed.

So far the passport investigation in New York has been conducted by the Department only in an informal way, through unofficial conferences between the German embassy and the State Department and the Department of Justice, and according to a high official of the government nothing has developed requiring action.

## Statement by Embassy.

The main facts of the Stegler affair as far as the naval attaché is concerned have been communicated by me to the State Department.

"I must refrain from dealing in any detail with the statements and fantastic allegations of Stegler and his wife which are multiplying from day to day and are of a pathological character.

There may be other motives in question, but in any case the whole matter looks very much like an attempt at blackmail which failed."

"It is up to the judges and the public opinion to form their own judgment of the reliability of Stegler."

## LOHMAN'S ASSAILANT DIES IN THE HOSPITAL

Shots That Broke Newman's Leg During Pistol Battle With Police Prove Fatal.

Louis Newman, twenty-nine years old, a former resident of Chicago and one of the principals in the pistol battle near 9th and D streets northwest about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, February 14, in which he shot and wounded Sgt. Harry R. Lohman, was subsequently shot in the leg by Police Officer O. C. Clay, died at Emergency Hospital this morning about 7 o'clock.

When Newman reached the hospital the leg of the shooting his physical condition was such that surgeons were unable to perform an operation. His leg was amputated finally as a last resort to save the patient's life. J. Newman, brother of the dead man, Lake Park avenue, Chicago, was notified.

Frank Mack and Elsie Griffith, both colored, who are alleged to have conspired with Newman to rob a stranger, were committed to jail in default of \$10,000 for a hearing in police court. Mack, who threw away a pistol before the "dice captured him" and the woman, it is stated, had rope with attachments in her muff when arrested.

"That Policeman Clay acted entirely in line of duty and therefore, is exonerated," was the conclusion reached by a coroner's jury at an inquest held at noon.

Witnesses told of the circumstances leading up to the arrest of Newman, to his quick action in shooting Sgt. Lohman and his attempt to shoot Policeman Clay when the latter tried to arrest him. Had Newman submitted to arrest, it is testified, he would not have been shot.

## HORSE FATALLY INJURED.

Animal's Death From Accident Cause of Police Court Hearing.

An accident in which a horse drawing a mail wagon was given a ride on the fender of a Georgia avenue car and so seriously hurt that its death resulted, was aired in Police Court Saturday. William H. Beach, street car motorman, appeared as defendant in a case involving a charge of colliding with Francis J. White, a mail carrier, was the prosecuting witness.

It was in evidence that the horse had been trained to make a start when it heard the noise of the closing of the mail box. On the occasion in question, February 16, the animal started from Georgia avenue and Euclid street at the sound of the closing of the box, and, it is stated, the accident resulted.

Robert W. Wells appeared for the defendant. It was in evidence that the horse was not going at an unusual speed when the accident happened, and that the motorman did not have time to bring the horse to a stop before the horse reached the tracks. The motorman was acquitted.

## ELISHA A. JACOBS DIES.

Treasury Department Employee Since 1866 and Civil War Veteran.

Elisha A. Jacobs, seventy-two years old, an employee of the Treasury Department since 1866 and veteran of the civil war, died Saturday at his residence in this city. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the funeral parlors at 2065 I street northwest. Interment was at Arlington national cemetery.

Mr. Jacobs was born in Boston, Mass., in 1843, and served throughout the war. He was appointed to service in the Treasury Department February 10, 1866. At the time of his death he was a clerk in the postal savings division of the auditor for the Post Office Department. He is survived by a wife who came from Boston to attend his last illness.

## PASS ON NEWMAN CASE.

Supreme Court Orders Postponement for Hearing on Merits.

The United States Supreme Court today, in the case of District Commissioner Newman, on appeal, ordered that the case for hearing, which it had previously postponed for hearing on the merits. The court did not act on the other motion for a writ of certiorari.

The next step in the proceedings is expected to be a motion to advance the case for hearing, which, if granted by the court, would probably bring the hearing on about the middle of April.

## FORMATION OF A FORCE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

Organization of Reserves Announced. Approved by Gen. Wood and Col. Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Formal announcement was made here last night of the formation of an organization of first reserves, to be known as the American Legion, and to be composed of former army, navy and militia men, which will better insure the nation's preparedness in case of war.

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## ITALY MAKES PROVISION AGAINST WHEAT FAMINE

Purchases in United States and Argentine Aggregate 49,500,000 Bushels—Policy Defended.

ROME, March 1.—Provisions made by the government to supply Italy with wheat pending the next harvest were defended by the minister of agriculture, Signor Cavasola, in a speech Saturday before the chamber of deputies. He declared special missions representing the military commissariat had made enormous purchases in the United States and Argentine, although the largest quantities had been bought in New York and Chicago.

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Mr. Blondheim was in a rear room on the second floor. He was unable to get out of the building because of his affliction, and as soon as No. 7 engine company reached the scene Capt. Howard hurried to the room.

Rescued From Smoke-Filled Room.

Capt. Howard found Mr. Blondheim almost overcome by the smoke that filled the room, and quickly assisted him to the street. Dr. Peller and Mr. Rogerson learned that Mrs. Portale, whose husband, Vincent Portale, a barber, was in the building, was probably in her home on the floor above the barber's shop.

Feeling the barber's wife had been overcome by smoke, the two men entered the building and found her groping about the smoke-filled hallway with the infant in her arms. She had started to leave the building, but the smoke was so dense that she had lost her way. One of the men took the child from the mother, while the other took the child. Firemen labored hard to prevent the spreading of the fire and succeeded in their efforts. Damage to the building and contents amounted to \$2,000.

Clothing Store Badly Damaged.

Fire in the clothing store of Moses Reichenhut, 1526 7th street northwest, shortly before 8 o'clock last night caused damage to the building and stock of about \$3,500. The fire was of unknown origin.

Fire did two damage in Doran's bakery, 9 H street northwest, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. A pot of grease became overheated and ignited. Workmen extinguished the fire without the aid of the fire department.

Fire on the property of the United States Realty Company, Pennsylvania and Branch avenues, yesterday afternoon destroyed a chicken house and several tools.

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